to shift the centre from its present location as soon as alternative land is allotted and building constructed by D.D.A.

Purchase of stationery

1476. SHRI J. P. GOYAL : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the contents of the Circular No. 14/10/86-Welfare dated 26th November 1986 issued by the Department of Personnel and Training of the Government of India regarding local purchase of stationery and other articles from the Central Government Employees Consumer Cooperative Society Limited, New Delhi have been communicated to all attached and subordinate offices and all the public sector undertakings under his Ministry;

(b) whether it is a fact that some Departments under his Ministry and public sector undertakings continue to make local purchase of stationery and other articles from the open market; and

(c) if so, the measures taken or proposed to be taken to ensure the compliance of the decision of the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

1477. [*Transferred to the 7th May, 1987.*]

Madras High Court

1478. SHRI T. R. BALU : Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of cases pending before the Madras High Court as on date, category-wise;

(b) how many among them are more than three, five and ten years old cases;

(c) how many vacancies are there in Madras High Court to be filled up and also date on which each vacancy has arisen;

(d) whether Jaswant Singh Commission has recommended the setting up of a bench of Madras High Court at Madurai; and

(e) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ) : (a) and (b) As furnished by the Registry of the Madras High Court the pendency on 30-6-1986 is as under:

Civil Case	Criminal Case	Total
1,56,985	16,334	1,73,319

	Pending for more then		
	3 years	5 years	10 years
Civil	34,824	18,071	35
Criminal	1,797	406	..

(c) There are at present 5 vacancies of Judges in the Madras High Court which arose on the following dates:-

1.6.1985; 10.3.1986; 10.8.1986; 3.9.1986 and 23.10.1986

(d) and (e) The Jaswant Singh Commission has recommended that to start with a Circuit Bench of the Madras High Court may be set up at Madurai, and the position may be reviewed after 5 years. After review, if